

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

SUZANNE SHELL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

OHIO FAMILY RIGHTS, et al.,

Defendants.

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CASE NO. 15-cv-1757

OPINION AND ORDER
[Resolving Doc. [37](#)]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Defendant Ray Lautenschlager moves for an extension of time to file an answer.¹

Lautenschlager says that Plaintiff Suzanne Shell has not served him with all of the documents filed in this case and so cannot “adequately prepare a defense.”²

However, Defendant does not need all of these documents in order to file an answer. All Defendant needs is a properly served copy of the operative complaint and summons.³ This Court already determined that Plaintiff Shell perfected service of her first amended complaint on Defendant Lautenschlager.⁴ Therefore, Defendant Lautenschlager can and must answer the complaint.

¹ Doc. [37](#).

² *Id.* at 1.

³ [Fed. R. Civ. P. 12\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(i\)](#) (“A defendant must serve an answer [] within 21 days after being served with the summons and complaint”).

⁴ Doc. [35](#) at 3.

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This Court **ORDERS** that Defendant Lautenschlager file an answer to the complaint by April 13, 2016, or risk an entry of default judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 5, 2016

s/ *James S. Gwin*
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE